



Dear Doctor:

The National Center for Health Statistics has invested ten years in developing the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) and it has emerged as a sound mechanism for collecting national data on office based ambulatory practice. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons has gone on record as supporting this effort and this letter is being written to urge your participation in that survey.

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The continued support of the Society and of all physicians is indispensable in the inauguration of this research program. There is considerable interest in gaining new basic information which can be an original invaluable base for planning and organizing health services, for assessing health facility and manpower requirements, for determining desirable modifications in medical education programs, and for providing information on the natural history and epidemiology of disease in ambulatory patients.

Along with other medical organizations, we have cooperated in the adoption of NAMCS forms and procedures. I hope you will find the survey designed minimizes time and record keeping involved in acquiring adequate data. All information will be held in strictest confidence and only summary data will be published for use of the medical profession, health planners, researchers, and the public.

It is the official view of the Society that the information obtained will be well worth the effort expended by participating physicians like yourself and you are urged to support the NAMCS by providing the information requested. We look forward in anticipation of obtaining and utilizing the results of this important research study.

Sincerely,

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